

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the remarks following is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as having FIG. 7b shown as FIG. 7c and vice versa. The Applicant submits that the original figures as submitted are correct, and that there is no mix-up between FIGS. 7b and 7c.

Claims 1-34 are in this case. Claims 1-10 have been allowed. Claims 11, 15-23 and 25-33 have been rejected § 103(a). Claims 12-14, 24 and 34 have been objected to. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-10 and conditional allowance of claims 12-14, 24 and 34. While respectfully traversing the Examiner's rejections, Applicant has decided to expedite allowance by canceling the rejected claims.

### Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 12, 13, 14, 24 and 34 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, and has stated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, the Examiner has objected to claims 20 and 24 as lacking appropriate basis in the use of "said transducer core" and "said core".

The Applicant has amended the objected to claims as follows:

Claim 12 has been amended to include all of the limitations of base claim 11.

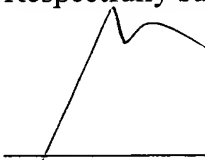
Claims 13 and 14 have remained unchanged in their language, but are now amended by being dependent on amended claim 12.

Claim 24 has been amended to include all of the limitations of base claim 16 and claim 20, and further amended to include "core".

Claim 34 has been amended to include all of the limitations of base claim 30.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that claims 12-14, 24 and 34 are now in condition for allowance in addition to the already allowed claims 1-10. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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